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Please find below and/or attached an Office communication concerning this application or proceeding.

Office Action Summary	Application No. 10/044,000	Applicant(s) HEDLER ET AL.	
	Examiner Mai-Huong Tran	Art Unit 2818	

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Period for Reply

A SHORTENED STATUTORY PERIOD FOR REPLY IS SET TO EXPIRE 3 MONTH(S) FROM THE MAILING DATE OF THIS COMMUNICATION.

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- Any reply received by the Office later than three months after the mailing date of this communication, even if timely filed, may reduce any earned patent term adjustment. See 37 CFR 1.704(b).

Status

- 1) ☒ Responsive to communication(s) filed on 08 April 2003.
- 2a) ☐ This action is **FINAL**. 2b) ☒ This action is non-final.
- 3) ☐ Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213.

Disposition of Claims

- 4) ☒ Claim(s) 1-18 is/are pending in the application.
- 4a) Of the above claim(s) 12-18 is/are withdrawn from consideration.
- 5) ☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are allowed.
- 6) ☒ Claim(s) 1-11 is/are rejected.
- 7) ☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are objected to.
- 8) ☐ Claim(s) _____ are subject to restriction and/or election requirement.

Application Papers

- 9) ☒ The specification is objected to by the Examiner.
- 10) ☒ The drawing(s) filed on 31 October 2001 is/are: a) ☐ accepted or b) ☒ objected to by the Examiner.
 Applicant may not request that any objection to the drawing(s) be held in abeyance. See 37 CFR 1.85(a).
- 11) ☐ The proposed drawing correction filed on _____ is: a) ☐ approved b) ☐ disapproved by the Examiner.
 If approved, corrected drawings are required in reply to this Office action.
- 12) ☐ The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner.

Priority under 35 U.S.C. §§ 119 and 120

- 13) ☐ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
 a) ☐ All b) ☐ Some * c) ☐ None of:
 1. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
 2. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. _____.
 3. ☐ Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this National Stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).
 * See the attached detailed Office action for a list of the certified copies not received.
- 14) ☐ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for domestic priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(e) (to a provisional application).
 a) ☐ The translation of the foreign language provisional application has been received.
- 15) ☐ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for domestic priority under 35 U.S.C. §§ 120 and/or 121.

Attachment(s)

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| 1) <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Notice of References Cited (PTO-892) | 4) <input type="checkbox"/> Interview Summary (PTO-413) Paper No(s). _____ |
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DETAILED ACTION

Election/Restriction

Application's election without traverse of Group I (Claims 1-11) in Paper No. 5 drawn to a semiconductor device is acknowledged for prosecution in the subject application. Accordingly, claims 12-18 are withdrawn from consideration as being directed to a non-elected invention. See 37 CFR 1.142(b) and MPEP § 821.03.

Applicants have the right to file a divisional application covering the subject matter of the non-elected claims.

Drawings

The drawings are objected to for the following reasons.

Reference sign 26b are included twice in the figure 3A. The first one should be 26a. Correction is required.

In fig. 8, 40f should be pointed to the solder bump and 14b should be pointed to the dielectric region. Correction is required.

Applicant is required to submit a proposed drawing correction, showing changes in red ink, in response to this Office action. However, formal correction of the noted defect(s) can be deferred until the application is allowed by the examiner (see MPEP § 608.02v).

Specification

The specification is objected to for the following reasons.

On page 6, line 17, 'water 32' is misspelled. It should be 'wafer 32'. Correction is required.

On page 6, line 27, the specification includes incorrect reference signs 'solder balls 44a-44f'. It should be '40a-40f'. Correction is required.

Claim Rejections - 35 U.S.C. § 102

The following is a quotation of the appropriate paragraphs of 35 U.S.C. 102 that form the basis for the rejections under this section made in this Office action:

A person shall be entitled to a patent unless –

(e)(e) the invention was described in (1) an application for patent, published under section 122(b), by another filed in the United States before the invention by the applicant for patent or (2) a patent granted on an application for patent by another filed in the United States before the invention by the applicant for patent, except that an international application filed under the treaty defined in section 351(a) shall have the effects for purposes of this subsection of an application filed in the United States only if the international application designated the United States and was published under Article 21(2) of such treaty in the English language.

Claims 1-11 are rejected under 35 U. S. C. § 102 (e) as being anticipated by U.S. Patent No. 6,537,848 to Camenforte et al.

Regarding to claim 1, Camenforte discloses a semiconductor structure comprising a semiconductor chip 74; and a conductive layer 78 disposed over a portion of the chip

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74, the conductive layer 78 having a portion that extends beyond an edge of the chip as set forth in col. 5, lines 44-67 and col. 6, lines 1-5, and fig. 4.

Regarding to claim 2, the structure wherein the conductive layer comprises a metal line (col. 6, line 1).

Claim 3 is rejected under the same rationale set forth above to claim 1.

Claim 4 is rejected under the same rationale set forth above to claim 3.

Claim 5 is rejected under the same rationale set forth above to claim 3.

Claim 6 is rejected under the same rationale set forth above to claim 3.

Claim 7 is rejected under the same rationale set forth above to claim 1.

Claim 8 is rejected under the same rationale set forth above to claim 7.

Claim 9 is rejected under the same rationale set forth above to claim 7.

Claim 10 is rejected under the same rationale set forth above to claim 7.

Regarding to claim 11, Camenforte discloses a semiconductor structure comprising a semiconductor chip 74; and a front layer 78 having a first portion disposed on a first surface of the semiconductor chip 74, and a second portion extending beyond an edge of the chip as set forth in col. 5, lines 44-67 and col. 6, lines 1-5, and fig. 4.

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Conclusion

Any inquiry concerning this communication on earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Mai-Huong Tran, (703) 305-1958. The examiner can normally be reached on Monday-Thursday from 8:00 AM to 6:30 PM. The examiner's supervisor, David Nelms can be reached on (703) 308-4910.

The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is (703) 308-7724. Any inquiry of a general nature or relating to the status of this application or proceeding should be directed to the receptionist whose telephone number is (703) 308-0956.


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